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Illegal alien pleads guilty in fake document conspiracy

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — An illegal alien from Mexico pleaded guilty today for his role in a Louisville-area fraudulent document ring, following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Luis Enrique Delrio-Olivarez, 44, of 1503 Oleanda Ct., Louisville, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess a document-making implement and false identification documents, including Permanent Resident Alien Cards (green cards), Social Security cards, Mexican driver's licenses and Mexican birth certificates, with the intent to sell them.

Delrio-Olivarez admitted that between March and May 2005, he knowingly and voluntarily joined an existing conspiracy run by co-defendants Christopher Martinez-Juarez and Hector Lavoe-Gonzalez. Specifically, Delrio-Olivarez conspired with Martinez-Juarez, Lavoe-Gonzalez, and others to illegally possess a document-making implement and false identification documents, while knowing that the documents were falsely made and with the intent to defraud the United States and transfer them unlawfully.

Members of the conspiracy solicited customers entering and leaving Louisville-area Mexican grocery stores and restaurants, and other local businesses. They distributed business cards bearing a name and a telephone number. The business cards had designs advertising different services, including mechanic, plumbing, and handyman work, offered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In fact, the business cards provided contact information for obtaining false identification documents. After being contacted by a customer, a member of the conspiracy produced the fraudulent documents and delivered them to the customer.

"ICE places a high priority on investigating identity fraud and document fraud cases," said Jerry Phillips, resident agent-in-charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Louisville. "Counterfeit documents create the illusion of legitimacy and allow dangerous criminals to hide in plain sight. ICE is committed to shutting down these illegal enterprises that compromise our nation's security."

Delrio-Olivarez is scheduled to be sentenced before Chief Judge John G. Heyburn II in U.S. District Court Oct. 27. He faces up to 15 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. As a convicted criminal alien, Delrio-Olivarez will be deported after he completes any prison sentence imposed.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Madison Sewell prosecuted this case. The Louisville Metro Police Department assisted ICE in the investigation.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.